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Summary

The present addendum revises the updated cost estimate of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 contained in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General of 4 November 1996 (A/51/494/Add.1) based on a reduction of the on-the-ground troop strength by approximately 650 personnel on 31 December 1996.

The revised cost estimate for the same period now amounts to $314,738,000 gross ($308,606,000 net). Therefore, the actions to be taken by the General Assembly include (a) the appropriation of the additional amount of $152,716,400 gross ($149,718,800 net) for the 12-month period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of $4,048,400 for the support account for peacekeeping operations already approved; and (b) the assessment thereof, at a monthly rate of $25,452,733 gross ($24,953,130 net), beginning 1 January 1997, subject to the extension(s) of the mandate of UNAVEM III by the Security Council.

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I. Introduction

1. The updated cost of maintaining the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, estimated at $329,706,000 gross ($323,251,000 net), was provided in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General of 4 November 1996 (A/51/494/Add.1).

2. In paragraph 45 of his report of 4 October 1996 to the Security Council on the extension of UNAVEM III (S/1996/827), the Secretary-General indicated that the Secretariat was finalizing plans for the orderly and phased reduction of the Mission. He stated that it was his intention to initiate the reduction of UNAVEM III by withdrawing some infantry and support units by the end of December 1996. At the same time, he stressed that further reductions should be made in accordance with the progress achieved in implementing the remaining provisions of the Lusaka Protocol, which is experiencing considerable delays.

3. In paragraph 23 of Security Council resolution 1075 (1996) of 11 October 1996, the Council took note of the Secretary-General's intention to initiate the reduction of UNAVEM military forces by the end of December 1996, as well as to submit recommendations regarding the role the United Nations should continue to play in Angola to consolidate the peace process, including his plans for further reduction of formed military units.

4. Pursuant to that provision of resolution 1075 (1996), a decision has now been made to withdraw from UNAVEM, by the end of December 1996, four companies with a total strength of approximately 650 personnel. It is expected that while two companies will be withdrawn with all of their contingent equipment, the two rifle companies will leave their equipment temporarily with UNAVEM, until the withdrawal of their main contingents.

II. Revised cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

5. The present revised cost estimates for the maintenance of UNAVEM III for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 now amount to $314,738,000 gross ($308,606,000 net). Reduced requirements are attributable primarily to the lower average troop strength and the use of an average vacancy rate of 5 per cent for international civilian staff. Reductions are also estimated under premises and transport operations, offset in part by additional requirements for the repatriation of contingent-owned equipment.

6. A summary of the revised cost estimates is presented in annex I by major line item. Revisions to the updated cost estimates for those items affected by the change in troop strength, together with explanatory information, are provided in annex II.

III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session

7. The actions to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session in connection with the financing of UNAVEM III are as follows:

   (a) The appropriation of the amount of $152,716,400 gross ($149,718,800 net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the 12-month period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, inclusive of the amount of $4,048,400 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount of $170,118,500 gross ($166,984,100 net) already appropriated by the Assembly in its resolution 50/209 B of 7 June 1996 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996;

   (b) The assessment of the amount of $152,716,400 gross ($149,718,800 net) at a monthly rate of $25,452,733 gross ($24,953,130 net), beginning 1 January 1997, should the Security Council decide to extend the mandate of UNAVEM III beyond 11 December 1996.

Annex I
Revised cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

		Updated cost estimates (as shown in A/51/494/Add.1) (1)	*Revised cost estimates (2)*	*Increase/ (decrease) (3) = (2)-(1)*
1.	Military personnel costs	177 316	164 095	(13 221)
2.	Civilian personnel costs	58 541	56 404	(2 137)
3.	Premises/accommodation	13 246	13 222	(24)
4.	Infrastructure repairs	76	76	—
5.	Transport operations	10 784	10 521	(263)
6.	Air operations	28 547	28 547	—
7.	Naval operations	—	—	—
8.	Communications	6 182	6 182	—
9.	Other equipment	591	591	—
10.	Supplies and services	26 353	26 353	—
11.	Election-related supplies and services	—	—	—
12.	Public information programmes	244	244	—
13.	Training programmes	25	25	—
14.	Mine-clearing programmes	1 106	1 106	—
15.	Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	—	—	—
16.	Air and surface freight	240	1 240	1 000
17.	Integrated Management Information System	—	—	—
18.	Support account for peacekeeping operations	—	—	—
19.	Staff assessment	6 455	6 132	(323)
	Total, lines 1-19	**329 706**	**314 738**	**(14 968)**
20.	Income from staff assessment	(6 455)	(6 132)	323
21.	Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—
	Total, lines 20-21	**323 251**	**308 606**	**(14 645)**
	Gross requirements	329 706	314 738	(14 968)
	Net requirements	323 251	308 606	(14 645)
22.	Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—
	Total resources	**323 251**	**308 606**	**(14 645)**

Annex II
Revisions to the updated cost estimates for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Updated cost estimates (as shown in A/51/494/Add.1) (1)	*Revised cost estimates (2)*	*Difference (3)=(2)-(1)*	*Explanation*
1. Military personnel costs				
(b) Military contingents				
Standard troop cost reimbursement	86 403	78 011	(8 392)	Average troop strength of 6,700 from 1 July to 31 December 1996 and 6,050 from 1 January to 30 June 1997.
Welfare	1 365	1 186	(179)	
Rations	24 622	22 203	(2 419)	
Daily allowance	3 270	2 956	(314)	
Mission subsistence allowance	4 101	3 896	(205)	
Emplacement, rotation and repatriation of troops	15 106	13 961	(1 145)	
Clothing and equipment allowance	5 880	5 313	(567)	
Total, line 1 (b)	**140 747**	**127 526**	**(13 221)**	
2. Civilian personnel costs				
(b) International and local staff				
International staff salaries	19 597	18 617	(980)	Average vacancy rate of 5 per cent for international staff for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997.
Local staff salaries	3 742	3 742	—	
Consultants	—	—	—	
Overtime	—	—	—	
General temporary assistance	—	—	—	
Common staff costs	13 148	12 491	(657)	
Mission subsistence allowance	10 004	9 504	(500)	
Other travel costs	71	71	—	
Total, line 2 (b)	**46 562**	**44 425**	**(2 137)**	
3. Premises/accommodation				
Rental of premises	10 577	10 577	—	
Alteration and renovation of premises	917	917	—	
Maintenance supplies	400	400	—	
Maintenance services	336	336	—	
Utilities	941	917	(24)	Lower troop strength from 1 January to 30 June 1997.
Construction/prefabricated buildings	75	75	—	
Total, line 3	**13 246**	**13 222**	**(24)**	

		Updated cost estimates (as shown in A/51/494/Add.1) (1)	*Revised cost estimates (2)*	*Difference (3)=(2)-(1)*	*Explanation*
5.	**Transport operations**				
	Purchase of vehicles	256	256	—	
	Rental of vehicles	—	—	—	
	Workshop equipment	—	—	—	
	Spare parts, repairs and maintenance	7 200	7 020	(180)	Lower number of contingent-owned equipment effective 1 January 1997.
	Petrol, oil and lubricants	2 777	2 708	(69)	
	Vehicle insurance	551	537	(14)	
	Total, line 5	**10 784**	**10 521**	**(263)**	
16.	**Air and surface freight**				
	Transport of contingent-owned equipment	—	1 000	1 000	Costs related to the repatriation of contingent-owned equipment.
	Military airlifts	—	—	—	
	Commercial freight and cartage	240	240	—	
	Total, line 16	**240**	**1 240**	**1 000**	
19.	**Staff assessment**	6 455	6 132	(323)	Average vacancy rate of 5 per cent for international staff.
	Total	**218 834**	**283 866**	**(14 968)**	
20.	**Income from staff assessment**	**(6 455)**	**(6 132)**	**323**	
	Net total	**211 579**	**196 934**	**(14 645)**	